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Ike Praises CIA Role In Guarding Peace

LANGLEY, Va. (UPI) — President Eisenhower laid the cornerstone for the Central Intelligence Agency's new quarters Tuesday and said no task could be more important than its job of gathering information to help the United States preserve peace.

In a brief dedication speech, Mr. Eisenhower said the hush-hush agency's reputation "for quality and excellence is a proud one."

He told CIA officials that "upon the quality of your work depends in large measure the success of our effort to further the nation's position in the international scene."

Flies To Vote

The President drove here from the White House for the ceremony, after which he flew to Gettysburg, Pa., to cast his vote in the local election.

Mr. Eisenhower said peace is "America's fundamental aspiration," and "to this end we seek to develop policies and arrange-

ments to make the peace both permanent and just."

"In war nothing is more important to a commander than the facts concerning the strength, dispositions and intention of his opponent and the proper interpretation of those facts," he said.

In peacetime he said, "the necessary facts are of a different nature. They deal with con-

ditions, resources, requirements and attitudes prevailing in the world. They are essential to the development of policy to further our long-term national security and best interests.

'The Cause Of Peace'

"To provide information on this kind is the task of the organization of which you are a part."

The President praised the CIA's little-known work, and dedicated the building "to serve the cause of peace."

He said the agency's duties require "the highest order of dedication, ability, trustworthiness and selflessness—to say nothing of the finest type of courage whenever needed."

'We Must Not Forget'

Allen W. Dulles, director of the CIA and brother of the late Sec. of State John Foster Dulles, said the agency's task was to "assure ourselves, through accurate intelligence, that our attachments to policies are soundly based."

"We must not forget that hu-

man beings are largely the creatures of their beliefs," he said. "As individuals we tend instinctively, and sometimes wistfully, to become attached to causes, to theories, to solutions."

"If they be sound and enduring, based on the deep moral strivings of man and the highest conceptions of our national interests, let us cling to them."

The Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the Senate, delivered the invocation and benediction.

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